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: FRICTION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE EMPLOYING FRICTION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH

A FRICTION MATERIAL AND THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED

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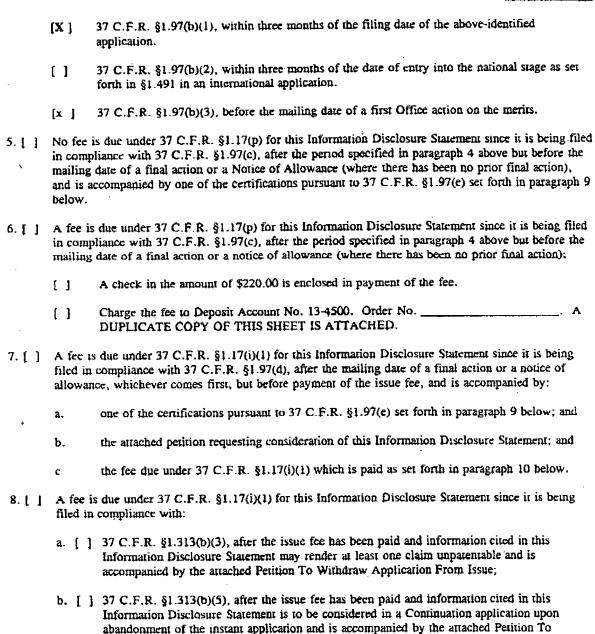
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